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Re History of Morris Gershkovitch, British.

Name. Morris Gershkovitch

Date. 3-1-45

Nationality. British subject (Russian parentage)

Former Address. Police Headquarters, 185 Foochow Road.

Passport. British Passport No. 7694 issued by the British Authorities in Singapore.
Russian Emigrants Certificate No. 14957 issued by the Shanghai Russian Emigrants Committee.

Occupation. Shipping Clerk, Reporter and Police Officer.

Birth. Born on March 18, 1913 in Singapore of Russian parents father & Mother both deceased. Father's occupation - Hairdresser and Mother's Boarding House Keeper.

Other relatives. One sister, last known in Singapore.

History: Gershkovitch was born in Singapore of Russian parentage, received his education in Hongkong and Singapore, completing his schooling in 1930 in Singapore. He left Singapore in April 1931 for Hongkong, where he was employed as a reporter of newspapers till 1935 when he went to Swatow to work in a Shipping concern, Lee Bros. This firm liquidated in 1939 when the Japanese army took occupation. Gershkovitch then came to Shanghai in Aug. of that year, 1939. He then was employed with on one of the local newspapers as a new reporter for a while, he joined J. Lee & Co., a shipping concern till his enlistment with the Shanghai Municipal Police Force on November 11th, 1940. His record in the Police has been exemplary, however, several complaints were received for indebtedness, these complaints were made by various persons including moneylenders. Due to his nationality termination of services with the Police Force occurred in December 31st, 1943. He then became associated with persons suspected of being on intelligence service connected with one person called Pick-Novans, Gershkovitch associates at this period were a Portuguese, F. E. Carneiro, Russian Paul Lojinkoff, unknown nationality, ~~Arbain~~. He then was reported to have left Shanghai for the Phillipines in June of 1944 with his associates. No further news was known except for several rumours which circulated that this group had been executed by USSR OGPU for espionage work. Whilst in Shanghai Gershkovitch had a Chinese paramour.